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The City Election.

Yesterday's city election was one of the hottest ever contested. The Democrats made a dead set to elect a majority of council, and a desperate struggle it was on their part, led by the most unscrupulous misrepresentations of the mendacious Register. But all these efforts failed. The city council will remain Republican, with a majority of four in each branch, or eight on joint ballot.

The total vote polled shows the character of the struggle on the part of the Democrats, for they succeeded in getting out nearly a full vote.

The defeat of Mayor Butts by nearly 1,000 votes is in no wise a reflection on that gentleman's administration. It was due mainly to the fact that his opponent besides attracting the full strength of his party, was intimately known by the younger element of Republicans, and, who, through the strong friendship of youth, voted for him on social grounds.

Clerk Watkins is re-elected, leading the Republican ticket by a handsome majority, and William M. Clemans is chosen chief of police by about 250 majority. Mr. Norrington is re-elected wharfmaster. On the whole, the Republicans are to be congratulated on the result. Mr. Sweeney, the Democratic mayor-elect, has his Republican friends to thank in a great measure for his political good fortune. The Intelligencer believes he will make a good official.

"A Branded Shame"

The Washington Post is felicitating itself on the origination of the crusade against the vicious naval prize money system, and the unanimous vote in the house of representatives last week to abolish it. Commenting on the system the Post says:

"Our contemporaries shared with us, and with some millions of patriotic citizens, in the humiliation experienced over some of the early operations of our navy when the war of 1858 began. It was the almost universal feeling that there was no honor to the country or its navy in seizing vessels engaged in the fruit trade or pouncing upon fishing craft. If that sort of work must be done, public sentiment was clearly opposed to stimulating activity in its prosecution. The people were so proud of their navy, of its great achievements in actual and honorable warfare against the country's enemies, that they could not contemplate without humiliation the daily record of its captures just before and immediately after the adoption by Congress of the declaration of war.

But all this is in the past, and the odious system will never again make Americans blush. There is not a shadow of doubt that the senate will concur, for it is inconceivable that any friendship for the branded shame exists in the north end of the capitol."

The Philadelphia Press, speaking of the passage of this measure by the house of representatives says: "It is as important an act in the history of civilization as any for a generation. It begins a great reform. It places the United States again in the van of progress and improvement in international law. Once more, as in the past, just as a host of loud voiced critics are asserting that this country is smitten with a brutal and rapacious appetite for territorial plunder, the house takes one of those disinterested steps which ameliorate war, advance humanity, and promote human progress."

The next step, and it should be promptly taken, will be the passage of a bill exempting private property, not contraband of war, from capture at sea. One of the last official acts of Mr. Dingley was the presentation of such a measure. The President has recommended it and public sentiment demands it. The Press says on this subject:

"Our past policy is clear and our present action should be brought into harmony. Captain Mahan, we regret to observe, urges that the selfish interests of the United States are against this step, because we have so small a commercial marine. Such an argument is neither wise nor good. Our exports and imports, the second in the world, enlist us in behalf of private property at sea, and, in the long run, the highest principle is the best expediency. The

memory of the war should not be allowed to fade away before this great reform is placed by Congress on our statute books."

Aguinaldo's Representatives.

There seems to be a great anxiety in certain quarters to bring about a conflict between the American forces in the Philippines and the well-headed Aguinaldo. There are certain persons in this country who would rejoice to see a clash of arms hoping that such a calamity would discredit the attitude of the administration toward the archipelago. We do not believe, however, that their desires in this connection will be gratified. We rely on the simple fact that General Otis has said he has the situation well in hand, and Admiral Dewey's assertions that the self-seeking leader of the insurgents is daily losing ground with his followers who are beginning to see through his ambition and selfish aspirations.

The plea of Aguinaldo's representative for recognition by this government accompanied by an implied threat is not far short of impotence. Now come the three Filipinos, who claim they were sent by Aguinaldo to co-operate with Agoncillo. The spokesman of this newly arrived party is quoted as saying:

"It is our aim to secure absolute independence, to which we are justly entitled, as much and even more so than the United States were from Great Britain."

On the same day, Ramon Aroyes Lala, another Filipino, who has become an American citizen, said among many other things: "Although I believe we have a great future, I cannot disguise to myself the conviction that we are not yet ready for independence, more especially because the Filipinos have not had the preparation for self government possessed by the founders of the American republic."

These divergent views are both held by men of intelligence and education, but the American citizen is better able to judge, because he has learned our institutions and the American people through observation and association, and at the same time has learned, through contrast, the shortcomings of the institutions of his native land and of his countrymen.

The Innendo.

At one time in his life, many years ago, Stephen R. Elkins was active in politics in New Mexico through one campaign, and it is said that he has never set foot within the jurisdiction of that territory since that time. Why?—Parkerburg Sentinel.

Well there are a great many reasons that could be enumerated that would satisfy any honest and reasonable person. The inquiry of the Sentinel is not made in good faith, as it has no occasion to ask the question. It is already informed on the subject. The form of the interrogation bears the cowardly insinuation that Senator Elkins cannot go back to New Mexico; that he has committed some act that forbids him forever to re-visit that territory. The Sentinel seeks to leave this impression on the minds of its readers when it knows the implication is barely false. The Sentinel more nearly approaches the saffron sewer bird policy of its esteemed coparcener in this city in that line of business than any other journal of its ilk.

Senator Elkins came to West Virginia with as clean a bill of health morally, as the editor of the Sentinel—cleaner. He has done more for the development of the state, has been more instrumental in its progress and prosperity than any ten men in the Democratic party, and all this in face of the destructive and demoralizing tendencies of that retrogressive organization. The Sentinel cannot injure Senator Elkins' character or reputation—even by implication.

The Democrats of to-day who are so frantically citing the constitution in connection with anything that pertains to the settlement of the war with Spain are but replicas of their "butternut" and "copperhead" ancestors of the time of the civil war. Anything that was done in those days to bring the southern states to a realizing sense of the awful mistake they had made was unconstitutional. These later day obstructionists are nothing more than the lineal descendants of the parrots of 1861-5.

General Eagan now being tried by courtmartial admits he used the language charged in the indictment, but pleads not guilty on the ground that the President promised immunity to witnesses appearing before the war investigating commission. General Eagan has failed to appreciate the vast difference between testimony and abuse. The President never meant to shield such blackguardism as the commissary general has been guilty of.

That was a very tragic death that occurred yesterday in the United States supreme court room at Washington when ex-Attorney General Garland was suddenly stricken with apoplexy while addressing the court. Mr. Garland was a member of the cabinet during Cleveland's first administration.

A member of the legislature has introduced a bill to "prevent the chewing of tobacco in churches." If a man's piety is not sufficient to make him forego the habit for the short time he is in attendance on divine service we do not see how any legislation is going to effect the reform.

And still Mr. Quay does not think the "proper time" has arrived for him to be elected. Meanwhile his forces are showing signs of weariness, while the opposition appears to be fresher and more confident than ever.

The Wheeling friends Captain Jack Crawford, the poet scout, will be pleased to learn that he has "struck it rich" in Alaska.

Delegate Hunt's Blizzard was pretty chilly while it lasted.

Some Exposed Actions.
New York Times (Ind. Dem.): We hold these truths to be deserving of general acceptance and respect:

1. We do not need the Philippines. The undeveloped resources of our own domain supply a more profitable field for our activities.
2. The islands fell to us by hazard of war, and with them certain obligations

to ourselves, to foreign nations, and to the inhabitants of the archipelago.

3. It would be cheaper to drop them and run, but it would also be disgraceful, and would doom the Philippines to present anarchy and future bondage.

4. We ought to take the islands as provided in the treaty, but it should be the primary object of our policy to make the Filipinos contented, prosperous, orderly, educated and ultimately capable of governing themselves.

5. They must never become citizens of the United States.

6. The treaty of peace and cession ought to be ratified without any further delay in order that the state of war may be ended and the healing works of peace begun.

7. Imperialism is a painted wooden jumping jack that jumps only when somebody pulls the string.

Scott's Pennsylvania Ancestry.

Washington telegram to the Pittsburgh Dispatch: West Virginia Republicans and the host of friends of Nathan B. Scott generally are rejoiced at the pleasant and peaceful outcome of the West Virginia senatorial election. Many Pennsylvanians are especially pleased for the reason that Scott is of old Pennsylvania stock, his ancestors having resided in Cumberland valley and in Washington county.

His grandfather removed from Cumberland county to Washington county in the latter part of the last century. The latter's wife was Elizabeth Calhoun, who was of the same stock as John C. Calhoun, who was of a Pennsylvania family. The McCormicks, of Harrisburg, of whose family ex-Senator Don Cameron's first wife was a member, were also of the family of Calhouns. A. Loudon Snowden, of Philadelphia, is another well-known scion of this stock.

Many of Senator-elect Scott's relatives yet reside in Washington county; Mrs. Acheson, wife of Representative Acheson, being one of them, the sister of Scott's grandfather being the grandmother of Mrs. Acheson. Scott's father removed from Washington county to



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Nevertheless, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yerkes have so long been a part of New York's busy life that it will be impossible to keep them out, even were there a desire to do so, and they are speedily being recognized as part of the New York set.

The career of Charles T. Yerkes has been so varied that it will be impossible in brief space to sketch it. One

Belmont, O., where the future senator and present commissioner of internal revenue was born.

Students of Demonology.

New York Sun: Colonel Ingersoll is lecturing on the money devil. Students of demonology and devil lore have to work to keep their collections up to the times.

When the Frost is on the Pane.

When the frost is on the window
And the lawn is covered o'er
With a foot of snow where pansies
Spread their petals out before,
Oh, it's then there is a crispness
In the circumambient air
That compels a man to huddle
When he's going anywhere—
Makes him wish that he were like a
Duck that calmly takes its head
And tucks its "neath a winglet
As a child is put to bed.

When the man with flowing whiskers
Carries round a lot of ice
Dangling downward from his features
Some folks claim to think it's nice.
Claim that they enjoy such weather,
That it's best to have it so—
That it fills them full of ginger
And that sort of thing, you know;
But I've noticed that the people
Who praise up the wintry blasts
For the most part do it only
While the summer season lasts.
—Chicago Daily News.

Shall Porto Rico be a State?

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Apprehensive — "I must strenuously object," said Senator Sorghum, "to the insinuation that I ever bought my seat in the senate." "It is rather embarrassing," "I should say so. A lot of fellows who would stand for me on general principles will hear about it. And then

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